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For: **LABELING REAGENTS AND LABELED** )  
**TARGETS COMPRISING NONMETALLIC** )  
**PORPHYRINS** )

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OCTOBER 26, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment and Reply (hereinafter referred to as "Reply") is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 26, 2007 (hereinafter referred to as "Office Action", a copy of which is attached herein as Exhibit 1) in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due on January 26, 2008. As such, this Reply is being timely filed. This Reply is accompanied with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, attached herein as Exhibit 2.

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